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SUBJECT: VISIT TO KUWAIT ASST. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ELLSWORTH

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1. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IN KUWAIT FOR ASST. SECRETARY ELLSWORTH CONTAINED IN REFTEL (B). MORE DEFINITIVE SCHEDULE IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE UNTIL PRECISE DATES AND TIMES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE KNOWN. WE WOULD HOPE PARTY CAN SPEND AT LEAST FULL AFTERNOON FOLLOWED OH BRIEF OUR OF KUWAIT. EVENING SCHEDULE WOULD INCLUDE RECEPTION (BY EITHER GOK OR USLOK) AND DINNER AT RESIDENCE (WITH GOK AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL ATTENDING). FOLLOWING MORNING CALLS WOULD BE MADE ON PRIME MINISTER H.H. SHAIKH JABER AL-AHMAD AL-JABER AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR & DEFENSE H.E. SHAIKH SA'AD ABDULLA AL-SALEM AL-SABAH. COL. COX AND I WOULD ACCOMPANY. REVISIONS IN ABOVE SUGGESTED ITINERARY MAY BE REQUIRED TO ACCOMMODATE SCHEDULES OF PRIME MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER.

2. I EXPECT GOK OFFICIALS WILL WANT TO DISCUSS GENERAL POLITICAL AND MILITARY SITUATION IN THIS AREA AND, SPECIFICALLY, STATUS OF HAWK, A-4 SKYHAWK AND TECHNICAL TRAINING PROGRAMS.

3. IF NOT RAISED BY PRIME MINISTER OR DEFENSE MINISTER, ASST. SECRETARY ELLSWORTH MAY WISH TO DISCUSS FUTURE MILITARY COOPERATION WITH KUWAIT INCLUDING THE LEVEL OF LOCAL DOD REPRESENTATION, LOGISTIC SUPPORT REQUIRED OF/BY DOD PERSONNL AND THEIR STATUS
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IN KUWAIT. I PLAN TO BE IN WASHINGTON DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER

14-18 AND FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS IN STATE HOPE TO DISCUSS THE
LATTER SUBJECTS IN SOME DET L WITH ASST. SECRETARY ELLSWORTH.
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